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Title: APPARATUS FOR SUBSTANTIAL REMOVAL OF ORGANIC SUBSTANCE(S)  
AND/OR NITROGEN SOURCE(S) FROM AN AQUEOUS MEDIUM

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111**

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the outstanding Office Action, mailed November 5, 2003, in the above-identified application.

Upon review of the file, it was noted that the initialed Form PTO-1449 filed with the Disclosure Statement dated February 20, 2002, has not been received. It is requested that the Examiner initial the Form PTO-1449, a copy of which is enclosed for the Examiner's convenience, and return it to the undersigned attorney.

This Amendment is believed to be timely submitted. It is believed that no fee is due; however, in the event a fee is required, please charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 13-3723.

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Attached is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee for this amendment is computed as follows:

Claims As Amended						
(1)	(2) Claims Remaining After Amendment	(3)	(4) Highest No. Previously Paid For	(5) Present Extra	(6) Rate	(7) Additional Fee
Total Claims	26	Minus	** 28	0	x \$18.00	\$0.00
Independent Claims	6	Minus	*** 3	3	x \$86.00	\$252.00
Additional fee for filing one or more multiple dependent claims, if no such fee has been previously paid					\$290.00	0
Total Additional Fee For This Amendment →						\$252.00
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Please charge to Deposit Account 13-3723 any fees under 37 CFR §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required during the entire pendency of this application. This authorization includes the fee for any extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) that may be necessary. To the extent any such extension should become necessary, it is hereby requested. One copy of this sheet marked duplicate is also enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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